

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4 and 6-40 are allowed. Accordingly, as detailed below, all of the presently rejected claims and withdrawn claims have been cancelled in this reply, to place the application in condition for allowance.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-4, 6-52, and 55-105 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 28, 41, 51, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 62, 64, 67, and 68 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 28, 41, 51, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 62, 64, 67, and 68.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 51, 52, 62-65, and 67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Haszmann et al 5,354,390. Claims 51, 52, 62-65, and 67 have been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 55-61, 102, 103 and 105 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishizawa 5,478,237. Claims 55-61, 102, 103 and 105 have been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claim 66 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Haszmann et al. Claim 66 has been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

Claim 104 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haszmann et al.

In view of Ishizawa. Claim 104 has been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned. In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0714/LYNN/0173.C of the firm of the below-signed attorney in the amount of any necessary fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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